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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.
  
2. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.
  - a) ☐ The requisite petition fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ has not been received.
  - b) ☐ Other :

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3. ☒ The amendment filed on 19 December 2000 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
  - a) ☒ entered.
  - b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
  - c) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.
  - d) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*In claim 1, line 4, "a", last occurrence, has been replaced by --said-- (as in the Examiner's Amendment of December 8, 2000). The Formal Drawings of March 5, 2001, have been approved by the Official Draftsperson.*

  
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